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C O N F I D E N T I A L JAKARTA 4365

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DAO VISIT TO LESSER SUNDA ISLANDS

1. DEFENSE ATTACHE WISHES TO VISIT LESSER SUNDA ISLANDS, INCLUDING INDONESIAN TIMOR, DURING PERIOD 8-11 MAY. INDONESIAN OFFICIALS HAVE FINORMALLY INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD APPROVE REQUEST FOR SUCH VISIT.

2. TRAVEL WOULD BE BY USDAO AIRCRAFT (C-117) AND AIRCRAFT WOULD NOT LAND IN OR PASS OVER PORTUGUESE SIDE OF ISLAND. SUCH TRIPS ARE NORMALLY MADE ON ANNUAL BASIS, WITH LAST ONE IN APRIL 1974.

3. POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE RE PORTUGUESE TIMOR PROBLEM HAS COOLED OFF SUFFICIENTLY IN RECENT WEEKS THAT WE FEEL TRIP TO INDONESIAN SIDE OF TIMOR COULD BE MADE WITHOUT ATTRACTING UNDESIRABLE ATTENTION TO TOUCHING INDONESIAN SENSITIVITIES/SUSPICIONS. WOULD NOT WANT TO PROCEED, HOWEVER, IF EITHER DEPARTMENT OR LISBON SEES POSSIBLE OBJECTIONS.

4. PLEASE ADVISE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT, IF TRIP IS TO GO FORWARD, DAN CAN BEGIN PROCESS OF REQUESTING FORMAL GOI PERMISSION.

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